



HORTICULTURAL GROUNDS, TORONTO.

Grounds of the Horticultural Society, Toronto.

THE PRINCE OF WALES MAPLE.

We herewith present our readers with a splendid illustration of a portion of the fine grounds of the Horticultural Society of this city. In the foreground is a truthful representation of the Maple planted by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to this city on September 12th, 1860. In the background is shown a portion of the huge rustic pavilion erected for His Royal Highness' reception. It is an oblong building, about 100 feet long by 60 wide, built entirely of cedar. Much taste and skill have been displayed in its construction, and regarded in its position—in the centre of a horticultural garden—the spectator cannot do other than pronounce it unique and appropriate.

The Prince of Wales Maple, has in popular parlance, "never looked behind it" since the day it was planted. Not only has it maintained a vigorous growth; but its habit, as will be observed in the cut, is particularly graceful. Should no unforeseen calamity occur, there is every prospect of this fine tree remaining a lasting souvenir of the Prince's visit. And,—anticipating the future some twenty years,—it may then be somewhat interesting to compare the tree as it appears now in our pages with the large development, we trust, it will then have reached.

We reprint from the files of the *Globe* the account of the ceremony of planting this fine tree by his Royal Highness. In reply to an address read to him

by the President of the Society—The Hon. G. W. Allan—The Prince replied:

"GENTLEMEN,—I shall have great pleasure in doing anything which will tend to encourage amongst you a taste for the cultivation of gardens such as may increase the comfort and enjoyment of the citizens of Toronto. I shall be content if the tree which I am about to plant, flourish at your youthful city has already done."

"While the operation was being performed, all present had a good opportunity of looking at the Prince. There was some little confusion at first owing to the perverseness of the many who, while crying loudly to others to sit down, will stand up themselves. The ladies are the worst—not that they make the noise, but they heard it so little. If a man persists in standing in the road, his hat is often summarily knocked over his eyes; and in the grinning countenances he sees upon turning round, he is left to discover the culprit as best he may. But the softer part of creation are not thus to be disposed of; they obstruct the view when they like, and leave it open when they please. Yesterday, they were obliging and sat down when called upon; though the first sentences of Mr. Allan's address were lost while the reform was being accomplished. So the view obtained of the Prince by all was good; in popular parlance, they had "a splendid look at him." Well this finished, His Royal Highness descended the steps of the pavilion, and turned to the spot where he was to plant the maple tree, but a very short distance from the pavilion. The tree was in a box, for at this season of

the year had the earth been taken from its roots, little prospect would there be of its remaining as a lasting memorial of the Prince's visit. It was suspended over a bow, and at a signal given, was lowered to the bottom. His Royal Highness then shovelled in two or three spadefuls of earth which lay near by, and the ceremony was complete."

Upper Canada Fruit Growers' Association.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE RECENT MEETING AT ST. CATHARINES.

The meeting was convened at 2 o'clock in the Town Hall, St. Catharines, the chair being occupied by W. H. Mills, Esq. First Vice-President of the Society.

The Minutes of last meeting were read by the Secretary, D. W. Beadle Esq. and on motion confirmed.

The meeting then proceeded to the discussion of
CHERRIES.

Governor Wood was the first variety under consideration. Mr. Arnold of Paris said "the tree is tender but bears well in sheltered valleys." Mr. Smith of Grimsby has not found it quite hardy in his locality. The chairman has found his trees at Hamilton quite hardy. Dr. Cross of Grantham lost his two trees in the severe winter of 1864. Mr. Murray of Hamilton has found the tree a moderately good bearer and pretty hardy.

May Duke, according to the experience of Mr. Arnold, has not done so well of late. "It thrives best in the valleys." Mr. Smith said his trees "ripened very irregularly this year. It is valuable as a